

DEMOCRATS SELECT
SLATE OF FOUR TO
RULES COMMITTEEHarmony Prevails in Caucus
of Minority Party.

FITZGERALD SELECTED

Sherley Urges Friends Not to
Vote for Him.

Dixon, of Indiana, Put on List to Represent Western Men—Sims, of Tennessee, Tries to Start Trouble, but Is Ruled Out of Order—Wanted Additional Power Taken from the Speaker of the House.

THE VOTE.

Clark, of Missouri.....125
Underwood, of Alabama...102
Dixon, of Indiana.....99
Fitzgerald, of New York..98
Members present, 140.

Not to be outdone by Republicans in party harmony, which is believed by both sides to be absolutely necessary in preparation for the coming Congressional campaign, the Democrats of the House got together last night and elected their ticket for the minority members of the new Committee on Rules. There was no fight.

The men named by the caucus last night are Clark, of Missouri; Fitzgerald, of New York; Underwood, of Alabama, and Dixon, of Indiana.

While the idea advanced in the first Norris resolution, providing for a new committee, which is expected to take away from the Speaker his power to control legislation, was that members of this proposed new committee should be selected from a geographical point of view, adherence to this was not expressed in the substitute Norris resolution which was passed. It is a fact, however, that geographical considerations have been given weight in the selection of both the Republican and Democratic nominees for the new committee. To this consideration Mr. Dixon, of Indiana, will owe his seat. A number of Southern Democrats, in a spirit of selfishness and loyalty to the party organization, notably Mr. Sherley, of Kentucky, asked Democratic colleagues not to vote for them in the caucus last night, but rather to give their votes to a Western man, so that various sections of the country might be represented. To this Mr. Dixon owes his seat.

The slate elected was informally approved by the Democrats during the day.

Radicals Opposed Fitzgerald.
Opponents of Fitzgerald, who was not wanted on the committee by some of the radicals because he came to the assistance of the Republicans with his "annex" to the old rules during the initial fight

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WIRE TELLS OF ELOPEMENT.

Daughter of B. & O. Official Runs
Away to Become Bride.

Plainfield, N. J., March 24.—Miss Anna May Campbell, who eloped from Baltimore to Elliott City, Md., with Lewis A. Eichelberger to-day, is a daughter of George H. Campbell, of this city, general superintendent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, with offices in New York.

The first intimation Mr. Campbell had was a telegram from his daughter announcing the event.

It was understood that the young people were to have been married in the fall. They will receive a hearty welcome from Mrs. Eichelberger's parents when they stop here on their honeymoon trip.

WILL RUN AGAINST TAWNEY.

Democrats of Minnesota Nominate
Judge Bulck, Bryanite.

Rochester, Minn., March 24.—Judge H. L. Bulck, of Winona, one of the strongest Democrats in Minnesota, was to-day selected by the First District Democratic conference to oppose Representative James A. Tawney at the next election. Judge Bulck will accept.

He was a Bryan Democrat, and opposed Gov. Johnson's Presidential ambitions.

BRITISH STATESMAN
URGES BIG FIGHT HALTED

New York, March 24.—Sir Robert Perks, M. P., the foremost British Methodist, to-night called upon the Methodists of America to put a stop to the proposed Johnson-Jeffries prize fight.

He read, he said, that Lord Roschery is coming over to witness it, but he assured a thousand or more New York Methodists, who heard him, that no British statesman worthy the name mixed himself up with prize fights.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return Saturday and Sunday via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except "Congressional Limited."

To-day is the last day of the Boyland Sale of fine Persian Rugs at the Sloan Galleries, 1407 G St. Sessions at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Fair and warmer to-day; to-morrow, fair and somewhat cooler; moderate to brisk southwest and west winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

- 1—Democrats Name Big Four.
- 2—Thousands Flee from Aetna.
- 3—Aged Fire Eaters Duel.
- 4—Pittsburg Graft Scandal Grows.
- 5—Garfield Sounds Party Warning.
- 6—Dewey Eulogizes Cannon.
- 7—Methodists War Over College.
- 8—War Veterans in Session.
- 9—News of Day in Congress.
- 10—Princeton Students in Play.
- 11—Fairbanks Greeted at Home.
- 12—Pyramids Allure Roosevelt.
- 13—New York Insurance Scandal.
- 14—Society.
- 15—Editorial.
- 16—In World of Women.
- 17—Sporting.
- 18—F Street Realty Deal.
- 19—Daily Court Record.
- 20—Markets.
- 21—Teachers Score Fake Methods.

BAD CHECKS RAIN.

Detectives Seeking Petty Naval Of-
ficer in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., March 24.—On the charge of passing fraudulent United States government drafts and checks, Charles D. W. Sturupp, a discharged petty officer of the United States navy, is being sought in Baltimore by detectives of the Secret Service Bureau. Sturupp, still wearing a navy uniform, has in his possession a rubber facsimile of a seal of the Navy Department and is forging checks and drafts on the government. It is charged. He has raised \$1,000 in a week, and his operations extend through twenty cities, from Boston to Chicago. Sturupp wears the uniform of a petty officer of the navy, with a chief yeoman's insignia on the right sleeve above a set of stripes.

PREMATURE DEATH
DECLARED A CRIMEDr. Wiley Gives Straight
Talk to Cornell Students.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 24.—"Every man is intended to live a certain length of time; if he doesn't it is a case of suicide or homicide. It is a crime to have a cold. The first business of an architect is to see to it that his building will furnish enough pure air for the people who will occupy it."

These were some of the statements of Dr. N. W. Wiley, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, in a lecture to Cornell students to-day.

He said: "The science of public health is the science of the individual always, and what I have to say I mean for each of you to apply to himself. Man is an animal that is intended to live a certain time. Of course, accidents happen and people die of disease, mostly preventable. "Because disease is preventable, death may be said to occur either by suicide or homicide, in respect whether it is brought about by personal carelessness or the condition of environment."

"It is a crime for anybody's child to have a cold. Since children may not be old enough to know better, I am not going to say whose crime it is. A man once came to me whose children all had colds, and wanted a cough medicine which did not contain alcohol. I told him I could tell him of a remedy that didn't contain alcohol; that was to go home and put the windows of their sleeping room wide open."

"People don't have colds at the north pole. Ask either of the gentlemen—I will not mention their names. Lieut. Shackleton didn't have a cold on his trip toward the south pole. But when they get back to civilization they do have colds. One would never have a cold if he didn't breathe foul air."

WHITNEY PLANS EXPEDITION.

Member of Peary Outfit Will Make
Trip This Summer.

New Haven, Conn., March 24.—Harry Whitney, who has been north as far as Etah with Lieut. Peary, said to-night that he would start on another trip in June, to take with him a few personal friends, young men who enjoy shooting.

Mr. Whitney went to New York late to-night to have a conference with Capt. Bartlett, who commanded the Roosevelt for Peary on his last trip.

Mr. Whitney will equip the ship out of his own pocket. While Whitney didn't make any such statement, it is believed that when he reaches Etah he will get the data and instruments belonging to Dr. Cook, which Commander Peary would not allow him to take aboard the Roosevelt.

MELLEN MAKES PROPOSITION.

May Prevent Strike of Trainmen on
New Haven Road.

New Haven, Conn., March 24.—President Charles S. Mellen, of the New Haven road, made a proposition to the committee representing conductors, trainmen, and yardmen of the New Haven system this evening, which, according to the statement of one of the committeemen, was accepted tentatively.

No settlement has been reached on the demand from the 3,000 employees in trolley lines controlled by the New Haven road. There will be another conference to-morrow.

Robs Home of Miss Tiffany.

New York, March 24.—The home of Miss Louise Tiffany, a sister of Louis C. Tiffany, at 255 Madison avenue, has been robbed of property which the police say will approximate several thousand dollars in value.

To-day Last Day.

To-day is the last day of the Boyland Sale of fine Persian Rugs at the Sloan Galleries, 1407 G St. Sessions at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Blackstone's Easter Lilies—Magni-
ficent specimens. Order to-day, 14th & EGRAFT CONFESSOR
FAINTS IN COURTAnother Publicly Ousted in
Pittsburg.

RUSH TO GET IMMUNITY

Sentences Suspended in Keeping
with State's Promise.

Grand Jury Announces Readiness to Make Report Containing Many Indictments, but Judge Cohen Refuses to Hold Night Session, and Recess Is Taken Until To-morrow. Day Furnishes Many Sensations.

Pittsburg, March 24.—To-night at 9 o'clock it was announced that Josiah Cohen had declined to sit in a night session of court to receive the graft grand jury, which was ready to file a list of indictments, and the grand jury took a recess until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

To-day's sensations culminated in open court, just before closing time, in the public "breaking" of Dr. C. C. Williams, one of the present leaders of select councils. In addition to the humiliation of having to confess that he had freely taken money for his vote, Dr. Williams was compelled to publicly resign his position as a member of councils and hand the same over to District Attorney Blakeley. The court then suspended sentence.

Faints Making Confession.
Earlier in the day Councilman George Anderson fell in a faint in court and was revived with difficulty. Sentence in his case was suspended. Councilmen Schultz, Fisher, and Shevlin also confessed in court to-day and sentence was suspended. Councilman Cochrane tried to explain to Judge Franer how he had gotten \$500 in one case and \$300 in another, while other plain councilmen went along with \$50. The court decided to hold Cochrane's case under advisement.

Rushed to Penitentiary.
William Brand, president of the immediately preceding council in Riverside penitentiary to-night, having been rushed there this afternoon. Though the sentence imposed on Brand is for three and a half years, he went to prison to-day with the information ringing in his ears that he would likely be required to stay there twenty years because of his stubbornness in not giving the information demanded by the district attorney's office.

The district attorney alleges that Brand has been protecting the names of men high in Pittsburg business circles who have been responsible for all this bribery-giving.

PINCHOT IS NOMINATED.

Names Before Yale Alumni for How-
land's Place on Board.

New Haven, March 24.—In the Yale alumni weekly to-night, Clifford Pinchot, Yale '89, is nominated for member of the Yale corporation, to take the place of Judge Henry E. Howland, of New York, whose resignation will take effect in June.

Pinchot's nomination is made by H. L. Pangborn, Yale '91, of New York.

The mention of Pinchot's candidacy will be pretty apt to arouse the Yale alumni all over the country, especially those who have taken sides in the controversy in which President Taft and Mr. Pinchot figured recently over the Ballinger-Pinchot affair in Washington.

GRASTY BECOMES
PUBLISHER OF SUNW. W. Abell Dropped from
Baltimore Paper.

Baltimore, Md., March 24.—The certificate of incorporation of the A. S. Abell Company was received for record in the Superior Court to-day from Buchanan Schley, State tax commissioner. The incorporators are Charles H. Grasty, Arunah S. Abell, and Charles S. Abell.

The purpose of the corporation as set forth in the papers is to publish the Sun, the Baltimore Weekly Sun, and the printing and publishing of any newspaper which it may establish or otherwise acquire.

The capital stock of the corporation is \$1,500,000. One-half is to be preferred stock. The holders of preferred stock are to receive annual dividends of not more than 5 per cent, when such dividend is declared by the directors. The dividend is to be cumulative; that accruing on the preferred stock is to be paid before any is declared on the common stock. The directors for the year following the date of incorporation are the incorporators.

This eliminates Walter W. Abell from the management of the Sun and substitutes Mr. Grasty.

Mr. Abell retired as general manager recently and went abroad, now being in the far East, and Mr. Grasty stepped into his shoes as managing head and dictator of the policies of the Sun.

Recently Mr. Grasty purchased the afternoon World here, and in view of the language used in the certificate of incorporation, it is believed the World may be issued as an afternoon edition of the Sun, or from the Sun plant, with Mr. Grasty as owner and manager.

Mr. Grasty made the Baltimore News a great property before it was sold to Frank A. Munsey. He went West for a while, but returned here and took charge of the Sun recently to bridge a family dispute as to the conduct of the property. He also acquired an interest in the Sun, how large, has not been stated.

Blackstone's Easter Lilies—Magnificent specimens. Order to-day, 14th & E

HALLEY'S COMET AHEAD OF TIME.

FAMINE REPORTED
ON PRISON ISLANDBrutality Charged by Foes
of Gen. Estrada.

Mobile, Ala., March 24.—Sensational reports as to the starvation of Nicaraguan prisoners on Corn Island, the prison camp of the Estrada government, off the coast of Bluefields, are circulated by the enemies of the provisionals. These reports are to the effect that there are 250 prisoners on the island, and that the Estrada army neglected them.

It was stated that during the last few months there had been numerous deaths, and the prisoners were given lashes when they asked for food, and otherwise treated with brutality.

Passengers arriving from the east coast deny the stories that the Madriz troops are advancing on Rama.

Revolutionist generals do not fear an attack from Chontales, they say. Gen. Emiliano Chamorro is constantly recruiting his forces there. The Chamorro army left Rama 1,000 strong, and reached Tipatapa Bridge with 923 men. Not 100 men were killed in the engagements, although Chamorro had seventeen skirmishes with Gen. Lara's men in less than two weeks. The men simply exhausted their ammunition and had to disband. The brush is terrible at this time, and there are no supplies to be had by the way. He will be subject to attacks from ambush, and will have his forces destroyed by guerrilla attacks. The revolutionists are in better shape than ever.

MISS DALY TO WED COUNT.

License Procured for Marriage of
Marcus Daly's Daughter.

New York, March 24.—Count Anton Sigray and Miss Harriet Daly, daughter of the late Marcus Daly, visited the city hall to-day and obtained a marriage license.

The count gave his age as thirty and Miss Daly gave hers as twenty-five. The marriage takes place next week.

GARFIELD SOUNDS
A PARTY WARNINGDenounces Standpatters in
Address at Cleveland.

Cleveland, March 24.—In a bitter denunciation of the "standpatters" and their policies, James R. Garfield, in an address before the Tippecanoe Club to-night, sounded a note of warning to the Republican party. He said:

"When the party fails to be progressive its usefulness begins to wane."

Theodore Roosevelt's name was not mentioned by the former Secretary of the Interior, and neither President Taft nor the Ohio gubernatorial situation was touched upon in his speech.

Mr. Garfield told of the dangers of the standpatters' position and declared that party loyalty does not mean blind adherence to old traditions.

"We cannot deceive ourselves with the idea that the people will be satisfied with the mere repetition of promises; they demand and are entitled to action," he declared.

The conservation movement was referred to as a moral cause and it was applied in local issues as well as national ones. Mr. Garfield declared the government should control business and that the public had considered the reverse condition intolerable. The former Secretary pictures the new order of things as a condition in fact, and not a theory or merely a hope of the future."

UNIONS ORGANIZE
POLITICAL PARTYPlatform Soon to Be Set
Forth in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 24.—There was formed in Labor Lyceum Hall to-day an independent labor political party. Approximately 1,000 delegates, representing union organizations in the city, met behind closed doors and decided upon this step.

John J. Murphy, president of the Central Labor Union, was temporary chairman of the meeting, and he was authorized to appoint a committee of eleven to formulate plans for the launching of the new organization. A convention is to be called within a short time to which all labor organizations in the city will be invited to send delegates. At this gathering candidates will be chosen and a platform of principles will be adopted.

So far as could be learned, no further overtures were made to-day to bring about an immediate settlement of the carmen's strike.

MOB LEADERS HELD.

City Officials Among Those In-
dicted at Cairo.

Cairo, Ill., March 24.—The special grand jury returned indictments to-day against twelve men, including public officials and a newspaper man, charging them with being members of the mob which stormed the county jail here on the night of February 11 last to take and lynch John Pratt, a negro.

The cases are set for trial May 9. The indicted men are City Councilman Frank Gorman, Constable James Davidge, ex-Deputy Circuit Clerk C. G. Foster, Policeman James Casey, O. E. Ward, a wholesale lumber dealer; Samuel Westinger, Mobile and Ohio Railroad detective; Lee Watson, a cattle buyer; W. M. Simpson, a lumberman; J. B. Scott, a blacksmith; W. C. Charles, a liveryman, and George B. Walker, a newspaper correspondent.

The extreme penalty, in case of conviction, will be \$500 fine and six months in jail, as the mob did not succeed in breaking down the jail door.

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FIELDING TO VISIT TAFT.

Canadian Minister Coming Here to
Discuss Tariff.

Ottawa, March 24.—Finance Minister Fielding left this afternoon for Albany, N. Y., and from there will go to Washington, where he will discuss tariff matters with the Taft administration.

When Mr. Fielding was asked in the House to-day if there were any developments regarding the tariff problems, he said:

"It will no doubt be understood that because of the negotiations which it is known are now in progress it would be impolitic in the highest degree to make any statement until a conclusion has been reached. I am hopeful that an early agreement will be reached, but I do not think any good purpose would be served by making any statement on that subject to-day."

BROKEN HEART FATAL.

Italian, Whose Son Was Killed by
Black Hand, Dies.

New Orleans, March 24.—Peter Lamana, a well-to-do Italian, whose son, Walter Lamana, was killed and the body cut up by Black Hands, died to-day of a broken heart. He was forty-six years old, and until the kidnapping and death of his child was a man of fine health and physique.

When the child was taken off, he put the matter in the hands of the police. They ran down nearly all the kidnappers, but too late to save the child's life, whose body showed that it had been tortured and had died in suffering. The criminals were convicted, one of them hanged and the others imprisoned for life.

Baby Ethel Barrymore Dead.

New York, March 24.—Ethel Barrymore, the three-months-old daughter of Lionel Barrymore and niece of Ethel Barrymore, the actress, died to-night in Dr. Bull's hospital of an internal abscess. The baby had been ill only a few days. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Philadelphia.

\$1.25—Baltimore and Return.

Baltimore & Ohio R. R.
Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains both ways, both days, except Royal Limited.

DEATH SUBDUES NEGRO.

Shot Seven Times and Beaten Into
Pulp After Crime.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Wilmington, Del., March 24.—Stephen Hunter, the negro prisoner at the New Castle County workhouse who yesterday shot and probably fatally wounded Guards Charles G. Hastings and Thomas McCullough, died at the prison to-night.

He was shot seven times, and his head was beaten into a pulp with blackjacks before he was subdued. The two victims are in a critical condition. Hastings is a brother of Supreme Court Judge Daniel O. Hastings.

THOUSANDS FLEE
FIERY RIVER FROM
DEPTHS OF AETNARumbling Adds to Terror
in Cities Imperiled.

AMERICANS DARE FURY

Prevented from Ascending the
Belching Volcano.

Inhabitants of Belpasso, Nicolosi, and Borello Cling About Robes of Cardinal, Who Kneels in Prayer Beseeching God to Avert Scourge, as Tongue of Lava Twenty-four Feet High Is Creeping Down.

Catania, March 24.—New craters are forming on Mount Aetna, and lava, pouring from a dozen openings, has united in one vast stream twenty-four feet high and 1,200 feet wide.

It is steadily growing in volume as it advances, carrying destruction in its path. It has covered four miles and a half since yesterday, and is now within four miles of Belpasso and three miles from Nicolosi.

The latter town is surrounded by hills, and is not threatened with destruction, whereas Belpasso and Borello are exposed to danger.

If the eruption continues, the last two named places will be invested within two days. Panic is increasing.

SMOKE AND RUMBLING.

Huge clouds of smoke envelope the volcano. Showers of lapilli are frequent. Subterranean rumblings and slight earth shocks are felt intermittently. The lava has devastated great tracts of cultivated lands, such as vineyards and orchards, and has wrought havoc in the woods.

The village of Nidoio, in the neighborhood of Nicolosi, has been completely covered, and many huts and farmhouses have been destroyed. The inhabitants of the villages on the southern slopes of the mountain are in a state of panic, but they, nevertheless, cling to their homes, refusing to forsake them until the last moment.

Great confusion prevails, owing to the holding of processions, praying, and displays of the characteristic religious frenzy which possesses the Sicilians in such emergencies, rendering them helpless.

Every church in Nicolosi is crowded with panic-stricken devotees, and loud prayers continue uninterruptedly day and night. Hundreds of candles are lighted in front of every image and all the saints are invoked. Troops have been dispatched to the Mount Aetna district to keep order and to assist in the evacuation of the villages.

Americans Would Ascend Aetna.

Many American and British tourists have arrived at Nicolosi bent upon attempting an ascent of the mountain, but they are forcibly prevented.

Rain is falling persistently. The people in some cases are removing the furniture from their homes and driving their flocks toward Catania, but many of them seem to be petrified by terror and are making no attempt to flee, helplessly awaiting their doom. With loud wailings of the people mingle the rumblings of the mountain, making a weird chorus.

Cardinal Francis-Nava, Archbishop of Catania, went to Nicolosi to comfort the people. The whole population followed him to the verge of the lava stream singing penitential psalms and praying aloud. The cardinal then visited Belpasso, where the panic is even greater than in Nicolosi. The inhabitants there knelt in the square and implored the cardinal to bless them and to beseech God to avert the scourge. The cardinal knelt with them and prayed and blessed them.

EIGHT SOLDIERS REPORTED
KILLED IN LAVA'S WAKE.

Rome, March 24.—An unconfirmed report has been received here that eight soldiers have been killed and many inhabitants injured in the neighborhood of San Leo and Rinalzi, where several cottages have been buried under the lava flow.

Prof. Ricci, of the Mount Aetna Observatory, reports that the lava stream is flowing at the rate of sixty feet an hour.

FOUR FALL FROM TRAPEZE.

Mishap of One Performer Causes
Others to Lose Balance.

New York, March 24.—Charles Thall, a trapeze performer in the Barnum & Bailey circus, at the Madison Square Garden, fell from a bar while doing his act to-night and broke both wrists. He dropped about forty feet, missing the net because of the momentum he had gained in swinging from another bar.

Three other performers in the troupe of which Thall was a member, were so unnerved that they lost their balance on the bars on which they were performing, and fell to the net.

Thall is twenty-one years old. He is a member of the troupe known as the La Mars.